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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid

Dispensers

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: May 16, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member Lisa Marencin, Professional Member Dr. Kiijuana Cann, Professional Member Tonya Coats, Professional Member William Doolittle, Public Member Brian Whitaker, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Bryan Stone, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Aydelotte, Professional Member, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Jacquie Truluck - University of Delaware

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2017

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting. Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINSIHED BUSINESS

Deliberations for Written Public Comment for Rules and Regulations

Ms. Kelly stated that the hearing took place on February 21, 2017 pertaining to Tele-Practice and summarized the proposed revisions. Ms. Kelly listed the exhibits which were marked and made part of the record, and which were available to the Board members on eboards.

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- a. Ex 1 (2/21/17) News Journal Affidavit
- b. Ex 2 (2/21/17) Delaware State News Affidavit
- c. Ex 3 (2/21/17) Comments from L. Heckman, DSHA

The Board considered Exhibit 3, written comments from L. Heckman from DSHA. The Board declined to make any changes.

d. Ex 4 (2/21/17) Letter from Allison Wils, The ERISA

Industry Committee (ERIC)

The Board considered Exhibit 4, a letter from Allison Wils with ERISA, arguing against proposed initial visit regulations, and borders issue. The Board declined to make any changes.

e. Ex 5 (2/21/17) Letter from FTC

The Board considered Exhibit 5, a letter from the FTC, stating that they will pursue cases against Boards if they feel there is an attempt to stop state to state competition and to suggest to the Board that the clinician should decide initial contact on a case by case basis. The Board decided to accept the recommendation to change their rules and regulations to let the clinician decide to use Tele-Health on the initial visit.

f. Ex 6 (2/21/17) Comments from Kathryn Tullis, Delaware

Health & Social Services

The Board considered Exhibit 6, a letter from Kathryn Tullis, with Delaware Health and Social Services, requesting that the Board allow audiological testing on infants via Tele-Health within Delaware. The Board decided this request will be satisfied with their changes.

g. Ex 7 (2/21/17) Comments from Dr. Yell Inverson,

Nemours

The Board considered Exhibit 7, written comment from Dr. Yell Inverson with Nemours, giving facts and supporting the use of Tele-Health. The Board decided this request will be satisfied with their changes.

h. Ex 8 (2/21/17) Comments from Heather Northam,

Nemours

The Board considered Exhibit 8, written comment from Heather Northam with Nemours, asking the board to reconsider the rule that initial evaluation be done in person. The Board decided this request will be satisfied with their changes.

i. Ex 9 (3/21/17) Comments from Samantha Weatherford,

DSHA

The Board considered Exhibit 9, written comment from Samantha Weatherford with Delaware Speech-Language Hearing Association.

j. Ex 10 (3/21/17) Letter from Christine Cook

The Board considered a letter from Christine Cook.

The Board discussed changes to rules and regulations 10.2.4.1 and 10.2.4.2. The Board decided to strike 10.2.4.2 and change the wording in 10.2.4.1 to the following: The licensee shall be responsible for determining and documenting, on a case by case basis, whether telepractice is an appropriate level of care for the client. Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin to have the rules and regulations republished with changes as noted. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Re-Review of Continuing Education Request from University of Delaware

The Board reviewed the continuing education request from the University of Delaware. Mr. Whitaker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cann to approve the request. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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Review and Discuss Hearing Officers Recommendation for Tara Fogel

The Board reviewed and discussed hearing officer recommendation for Tara Fogel. Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker to accept the hearing officer recommendations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Request for Temporary Extension for Justine Alba

The Board reviewed the request for temporary extension for Justine Alba. Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doolittle to approve a six month extension. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Hearing Aid Dispenser Applications for Joseph Paylor

The Board reviewed the Hearing Aid Dispenser Application for Joseph Paylor. Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doolittle to approve the application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Audiologist Application for Kent Collins

The Board reviewed the Audiologist application for Kent Collins. Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker to approve the application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ratification of Applications for Speech Language Pathology

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker to amend agenda to add Wendy Coral, Paige Renauld, Erica Russell, and Katharyn Majaran. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker to ratify Speech Language Pathology applications for Wendy Coral, Paige Renauld, Erica Russell, and Katharyn Majaran. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote the motion carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Stone

Administrative Specialist II